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Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 90, Low 70 - Partly cloudy	High 89, Low 71 - Isolated showers	High 88, Low 70 - Partly cloudy



An Airman from the 9th Special Operations Squadron waves the American Flag out of a MC-130P after they return home.

Courtesy photos

# 'Night Wings' return to roost

By Staff Sgt.  
Mareshah Haynes  
Public Affairs

After more than two years, Hurlburt Field finally welcomes home the 9th Special Operations Squadron, a tenant unit at Eglin Air Force Base.

The 9th SOS family reunited after 26 months of continuous deployment rotations.

The rotations began in May 2003, and the last rotation returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom Sept. 4.

"We had a great time. We focused on the mission and got the mission done," said Lt. Col. Steven Lambert, 9th SOS commander.

While deployed, the 9th SOS performed its regular duties as well helping in

other areas of the mission.

"We're not just tankers, we do that and a whole lot more," said Sergeant Hosaka.

The unit assisted in psychological warfare operations by dropping more than 500,000 leaflets in Iraq before the elections. Two planes from the 9th SOS flew more than 1,600 combat hours and delivered nearly three million pounds of cargo in 2004 and another 1,200 combat hours and almost four million pounds in just eight months this year.

Along with delivering cargo, the 9th SOS transported almost 2,000 troops in 2004 and close to 3,100 troops in 2005 in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

During that period the 9th SOS has had almost a third of the squadron deployed at any one time.

For its efforts while deployed, the 9th SOS earned the Air Force

Association's Citation of Honor.

The citation was awarded for significant contributions to national defense through aerospace flight.

An Airman of the 9th SOS attributes the squadron's mission success to one thing: "It's a good command, good mission, good plane, but we have great people," said Senior Airman Pat Reagan, 9th SOS loadmaster.

Col. Lambert and other members from the squadron traveled to Washington, D.C. Sept. 12 for the presentation of the citation of honor.

"We are extremely proud to receive that recognition. Significant tasks accomplished by such a small group," Colonel Lambert said.

"We're a lot smaller than a lot of the other operations units at Hurlburt Field, but we are deployed just as

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Airmen from the 9th SOS drop leaflets over Iraq to encourage Iraqi citizens to vote in the March 2005 elections.

Home of America's Air Commandos

# Limitless horizon

## As war drags on, Airmen encouraged to stand fast

By Gen. Michael Moseley  
Air Force Chief of Staff

We're a nation at war. Sept. 2 marks the 1,426th day we've been fighting Operation Enduring Freedom.

World War II lasted 1,347 days. We've now been fighting the Global War on Terrorism for two and a half months longer than World War II.

From the day Operation Desert Storm kicked off, Jan. 17, 1991, the Air Force has been in continuous combat.

For 14 years our enemies have shot at us, and for 14 years, we've returned the favor. But, no matter how long the road, we must never lose our focus on winning this fight.

Today, we're engaged more than ever – from across the globe to here at home, from taking the fight to the enemy in Iraq, to rebuilding lives in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, to controlling satellites on the other side

of the world, to fighting forest fires in the Rockies, to patrolling the skies over America – you can be proud of the work your Air Force is doing to protect our country.

I'm incredibly proud to be a member of an Air Force family that has more than 106,000 Airmen assigned or deployed in 64 countries, on every continent, and in every time zone throughout the world.

We have handled each and every task brought before us with lethal efficiency, because of you. It's an honor to work and fight alongside you in service to our republic.

The 684,000 active, Reserve, Guard and civilians of the United States Air Force are truly a total force.

We stand alongside our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine brethren ready to answer the nation's call. We fight together. We triumph together.

Our promise to the joint team is that, as Airmen, we will always be

the best in the world at what we do: dominating Air and Space from one inch above the ground to 100,000 miles above the earth.

Today, we have three major challenges facing our Air Force. First and foremost is accomplishing the combatant tasks the president and secretary of defense assign. The tasks will be ones we've done before and ones we've never undertaken.

Second, we must preserve that which makes us the most feared air force in the world – our people.

Our culture of excellence must continue to develop Airmen, who are the most adaptable, most skilled, most professional and most lethal the world has ever known.

Third, we face the difficult task of operating the oldest inventory in the history of the U.S. Air Force.

My senior leadership will work to break this vicious cycle. I need you, our Airmen on the line, to continue making the mission happen.

As we work toward a more secure, more peaceful tomorrow, look around.

Behind us you'll see a proud, rich heritage. And in front of us is a limitless horizon.

So let's push it up, go to work and make the mission happen.

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## Air Commando Salute

### Airman 1st Class Seth Dalton

**Organization:** 16th Component Maintenance Squadron

**Duty Title:** Electronic Warfare Journeyman

**Hometown:** Knoxville, Tenn.

**Hobbies:** Fishing and spending time with friends

**Mission**

**Contributions:** An outstanding Airman Against Drunk Driving volunteer, sacrificing more than 525 hours and driving more than 300 miles to transport 30 Airmen safely home.

The potential savings in property damage and loss of combat capability makes his effort commendable, but the life-saving nature of his service makes him a hero.

**Favorite part about living in Florida:** Beach

*(Editor's Note: For information on how to submit an Airman for the Air Commando Salute column, call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464.)*

## 16th SOW Aimpoints

- Fight and win
- Take best care of our wingmen, families and resources
- Become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders

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## DUI Tracker



Sept. 16-22 0 DUIs

This year: 19

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, Aug. 2

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...62

16th MSG...82

16th MXG...51

16th MDG...267

Totals are current as of Sept. 22.

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 473

The **Commander's Access Channel** provides up-to-date information for Hurlburt Field personnel and their families.

The CAC is available on base cable Channel 32.

For more information, call Public Affairs at 884-7464.

# 16th CES hard at work to make base better place

**By Airman 1st Class James Dickens**  
*Public Affairs*

"Pardon our progress" is the motto that the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron is living by.

With more than \$800,000 in roadway and drainage construction in progress at five locations on base, the 16th CES is asking base personnel to be patient.

"Please be patient and bear with us," said Capt. Katherine Lindler, 16th CES.

Between now and January, there will be construction at the front gate, on Tully Street from Terry Avenue to Independence Road, on Hume Street and Purcell Drive from Soundside housing to the Fancamp entrance, in front of the Aderholt Fitness Center and the intersection of Loop Road and Independence Road.

An additional outbound lane and new traffic light are being added at the front gate heading west on U.S. Highway 98, said Jim Cuilla, pavements engineer. The traffic light will control the outbound lanes.

The biggest change for everyone will be "No right on red" due to the two lanes. When the light is green, the left outbound lane will go into the far lane of Hwy 98 and the right lane will go into the near lane.

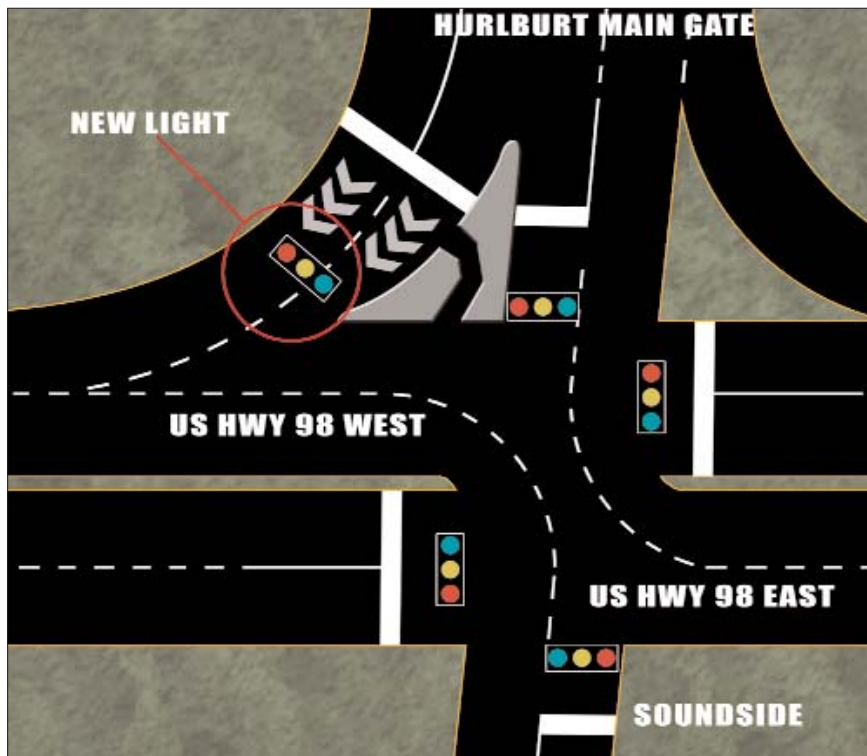
There will also be three lanes flowing into the front gate to ease the traffic flow and eliminate the yield for personnel coming from Mary Esther.

A new inspection lane was also added before the guard shack.

"At Independence and Loop Purcell, drainage inlets are being installed," said Captain Lindler. "This is going to reduce the amount of water pooling on the road."

At the intersection of Tully Street and Terry Avenue, the 16th CES is putting new asphalt down. All of Tully Avenue from Terry Avenue to Independence will be milled and overlaid, which means the top two inches will be ground off and replaced with new asphalt, said Mr. Cuilla.

"The squadron completed milling in front of the Aderholt Fitness Center,"



Graphic by Chasen Grieshop

said Mr. Cuilla.

"One lane will stay open during paving to allow traffic

to go though. Progress could be a little slow; it's hard to get asphalt due to high material

and fuel demands," he said.

For more information, call Customer Service at 884-6683.

## Air Staff officials expand warrior image

**WASHINGTON** — "We are a nation at war," Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a letter to all Airmen Sept. 2, the day he was sworn in as Air Force chief of staff.

As many Airmen are deployed on combat missions in places including Iraq and Afghanistan as well as humanitarian relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region, Airmen assigned to Air Force head-

quarters will now bear a closer resemblance to those in the field. Air Staff officials have recently announced the switch to the utility uniform as the uniform of the day.

"Wearing our (battle dress uniforms) and flight suits as our duty uniform every day will serve as a constant reminder to us and those who we come in contact with that our job is to support our fellow

warriors," said Lt. Gen. Arthur Lichte, Air Force assistant vice chief of staff. "There is no change of attire required for our civilian members."

The policy states the uniform worn by Airmen assigned to the Pentagon will be the woodland pattern BDU, the new airman battle uniform, or green flight suits. There are exceptions to the new policy: being a member of an official party, retirement ceremony, change-of-command ceremony or event where the service dress uniform would be appropriate, General Lichte said. (AFPN)

## 16th CMS asks squadrons to match funds raised for Keesler

**By Senior Airman Heidi Davis**  
*Public Affairs*

"It's more important they have food and clothes, than I have a new DVD player," said Senior Airman Gina Cerquozzi, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron.

Airman Cerquozzi and more than 400 16th CMS Airmen presented a \$4,500 check to Col. Norman Brozenick Jr., 16th Special Operations Wing commander, Sept. 16 for the Hurricane Katrina relief fund.

With the addition of 16th CMS'

donation, the base has raised more than \$24,000 for Keesler Airmen.

"This is awesome to pass the hat and hearts to those in need," said Colonel Brozenick. "This is what it means to take best care of our wingmen and families. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for reaching out and saying, 'We're not going to let you fall.'"

Maj. Ken Hamm, 16th CMS commander, said that after Hurricane Katrina hit, many of the Airmen were frustrated because they weren't allowed to go to Keesler and help out.

After the question was raised, "What can we do to help?" the squadron's flights began collecting money.

"It was a good avenue for Airmen to make concrete contributions," said Major Hamm. "I'm not going to turn off the spigot, but I think the Airmen have done more than their share to help out. I'm absolutely proud of all of them."

The 16th CMS Airmen gave for many reasons, but most gave because they said it was the right thing to do.

"The hurricane could have swung and hit us," said Airman 1st Class

James Gramm. "We'd like to think, they would have done the same if it would have been us instead."

Others had family in New Orleans who were directly impacted by the hit.

So, they felt as if they were taking care of their own.

But, whatever the reason, they all hope other squadrons will continue to give.

"We'd like to challenge other squadrons to match our donation to the Keesler Airmen," said Airman Cerquozzi.



## Airman charged; trial two days later

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen  
Public Affairs

Airman Nathan Geschke, 16th Communications Squadron, pleaded guilty to myriad of crimes at a special court martial Aug 15.

Airman Geschke pleaded guilty to drunken driving June 28.

He was stopped by security personnel for attempting to drive onto base after having his driving privileges suspended as result of an earlier drunk driving arrest.

During the stop, it became apparent that Airman Geschke was again driving drunk.

Airman Geschke consented to a urinalysis after his drunken driving arrest, which led to a charge of using a schedule III controlled substance. His urinalysis test was positive for synthetic testosterone. He admitted to purchasing this veterinary-use-only steroid via the Internet and using for approximately the past year. Airman Geschke's final guilty plea resulted from his not returning from leave as ordered by his unit commander – a violation of Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Airman Geschke was granted leave from Aug. 20-25 to visit an ailing relative despite being restricted to base.

He failed to return to his place of duty until Sept. 6. Having requested trial by military judge alone, Airman Geschke was sentenced to reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeiture of two-thirds pay and allowances, 45 days of confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

"Along with being very pleased with the outcome of this case, the legal office is extremely happy that charges were brought officially on Monday, and the case went to trial on Wednesday afternoon," said Capt. John White, 16th Special Operations Wing Legal Office attorney who tried the case.

## Decrease seen in number of 'critical days' mishaps

By Senior Airman  
Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

As the 101 Critical Days of Summer come to a close, the 16th Special Operations Wing Safety Office tallies the totals.

The 16th SOW experienced six reportable mishaps this summer that cost the base 108 lost duty days, one fatality and \$166,113, according to the safety office.

Squadron commanders are encouraged to use the data analysis to help assess their own mishap prevention initiatives, enforce prevention methods and communicate risks to Airmen, said Lt. Col. Frank Kuska, 16th SOW chief of safety.

There was one on-duty ground mishap when a 16th Civil Engineer Squadron member tore his anterior-cruciate ligament while playing basketball, costing Hurlburt Field \$14,350 due to 41 lost duty days.

The 16th SOW experienced five off-duty mishaps in fiscal year 2005, compared to six in FY 2004 and nine in FY 2003:

A 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member lost control of his four-wheel personal motor vehicle and hit a tractor trailer head-on, resulting in a fatal accident and costing the base \$125,000.

The incident is still under investigation.

A 16th AMXS member

lost control of his motorcycle when a four-wheel PMV cut in front of him, resulting in a fractured left arm. The Airman lost two duty days and cost the base \$750.

A 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron member lost control of his motorcycle and crashed while drag racing at a local drag strip, resulting in a dislocated right wrist, ruptured spleen, fractured bones in the lower back, left leg tibia bone, ribs and hip. The Airman lost 60 duty days, costing the base \$24,138.

"The trend data, from the last two years, still list motorcycles as our most common mishap variable," Colonel Kuska said. "We must continue to talk about

the risks involved with operating motorcycles, driving while intoxicated or tired, and the additional dangers of speed, weather and darkness."

Other mishaps were caused by a failure to pay attention to detail.

A 16th Component Maintenance Squadron member tripped on the sidewalk while running and sprained his ankle. The Airman lost three duty days, costing the base \$1,125.

A 16th Communications Squadron member was playing with a friend's dog outside and stepped in a hole, resulting in a fractured ankle. The Airman lost three duty days, costing the base \$1,125.

## AF 'skills development centers' become 'arts, crafts centers'

By Steve VanWert  
Air Force Services Agency

**SAN ANTONIO** – Air Force Services Agency officials gazed into the past to predict the future recently when they changed the name of skills development to the name it held until the early 1990s – arts and crafts.

"Generations of Air Force families took advantage of arts and crafts programs on Air Force bases worldwide," said Darold Carpenter, Services Agency community programs division chief. "We decided the name best describes what arts and crafts offer on base and name recognition is important to future success."

The name change also cleared up some confusion at base level, where



Courtesy photo

Patrons take advantage of a water color class at the arts and crafts center here recently.

the term "skills" is used in several unrelated programs.

"We found out that many Airmen and their families were confused by the 'skills development' name," said Greg Trapuzzano, Services Agency arts, crafts, tickets and travel branch chief. "So, why not call it by the name that describes what it really is: arts and crafts?"

Arts and crafts programs are also important in supporting the Air Force mission, said Al Dooley, Services Agency marketing.

"By calling 'arts and crafts' by a name that is actually a description of what we do, we hope more Air Force families will realize the extent of our programs and take advantage of activities both for deployed Airmen and their family members at home," he said.

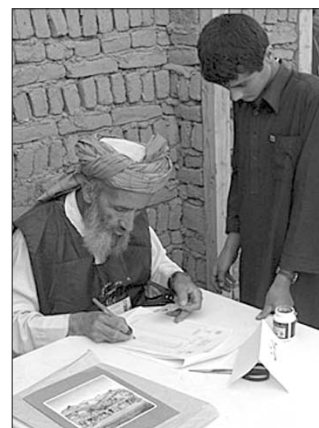


Photo by Staff Sgt. Ken Denny

An Afghan election monitor validates a voter registration card Sunday in Moraqkhja village, while the voter waits for his ballot during Afghanistan's first parliamentary election in more than 30 years.

## Brothers In Arms

### Army

The Army is responding to the warfighter's request for new equipment to enhance combat operations and increase safety, by installing five upgrades to Humvees at forward repair sites in Southwest Asia. Upgrades are: a fire suppression system, improved seat restraints, an intercom system, a gunner's restraint, and single movement door locks for all Humvees in Iraq.

### Marines

**JALALABAD, Afghanistan** – The self-proclaimed cyber warriors demonstrate the Marine Corps future of the modern battlefield. The Marines affectionately known as the 'geek squad' or by their military occupational specialty, tactical data-networking specialist, are responsible for installing, operating and maintaining network systems.

### Navy

**PERSIAN GULF (NNS)** – Air and surface forces of the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group ended dedicated search and rescue operations Sept. 17 in the Persian Gulf after a five-day search for a Sailor discovered missing from the guided-missile cruiser USS Princeton Sept. 13. Strike group assets will continue search efforts while conducting routine operations in the area.

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much," said Capt. Nicole Phelan, 9th SOS navigator.

During critical personnel shortages, the squadron received manning augmentation from other MC-130P units, specifically the 5th SOS, Reserve Associate at Eglin and the 67th SOS from Royal Air Force Mildenhall.

"If you ask the average Hurlburt Field Airmen what units are part of the wing, they forget about the geographically separated units. Our record over that last few years should get rid of the 'out of



**A 9th SOS officer hugs his wife after returning from a deployment rotation.**

sight, out of mind' mindset," said Col. Lambert.

The squadron is going to use this reconstitution time to

get people caught up on training, continue off-duty and professional military education and allow people to take some of the leave they have accrued during the past 26 months, Colonel Lambert said.

Being able to come home and focus... its nice, said Tech. Sgt. Rich Hosaka, 9th SOS loadmaster.

The 9th SOS's specialty is night-vision goggle low-level air-refueling of special operations helicopters.

Additionally, it can perform airdrop, air-land and rescue missions.



**Airmen from the 9th SOS unload a helicopter while deployed.**

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## AF conducts mosquito abatement operations in Gulf Coast region

**TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** – At the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Centers for Disease Control, the 757th Airlift Squadron at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio, will begin flying multiple aerial spray missions in the next few days from Duke Field to reduce the mosquito threat in New Orleans and local parishes.

Two specially outfitted C-130Hs will fly missions from Duke Field, Fla., and will commence spraying at dusk, which is when the largest populations of mosquitoes are most active.

These low-altitude missions will require the aircraft to fly at approximately 150-200 feet above ground spraying 60,000 acres per day. This program is routinely used throughout the country to help control insect populations that are capable of transmitting diseases such as Malaria, West Nile Virus and various types of Encephalitis.

"The product that will be used to combat the disease-spreading insects will be Dibrom, which is an extremely effective material for mosquito control and, at the amounts that are applied, is an extremely safe material as well," said Dr. (Capt.) Karl Haagsma, a research entomologist with the 910th Airlift Wing.

## Take note of 16th MDG Tricare policy

**Courtesy of the 16th MDG**

The 16th Medical Group clinic is required by the Tricare contract and our Memorandum of Understanding with Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. to follow certain enrollment practices.

Currently, our clinic has the capacity to enroll active-duty members and their families assigned to Hurlburt Field. Additionally, active-duty and family members enrolled to the clinic may elect to remain enrolled at Hurlburt Field upon retirement.

As of Aug. 1, the 16th MDG has additional capacity to enroll reited beneficiaries and their families under the age of 65.

Beneficiaries not currently enrolled in Tricare Prime will be required to complete a new enrollment form and pay an annual enrollment fee (\$230 individual/\$460 family).

Submission of New Enrollment forms and payment of enrollment fees must be accomplished at the

HMHS Tricare Service Center, located at 25 Beal Parkway.

If you're currently enrolled in Tricare Prime at another location, you may transfer your enrollment to the 16th MDG by completing a primary care manager change or portability transfer form. HMHS will enroll retirees to the 16th MDG on a "first come, first served" basis until capacity is reached. Unfortunately, the 16th MDG doesn't have the capacity to enroll retirees 65 and older in Tricare Plus at this time.

Upon reaching the age of 65, 16th MDG Tricare Prime enrollees will be required to obtain their medical care off base, utilizing Medicare as their primary insurance and Tricare for Life as a secondary payer.

To participate in the TFL program, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B.

A listing of Medicare providers is available at the 16th MDG Tricare office and the HMHS Tricare service center.

Beneficiaries 65 and older will continue to have access to the 16th MDG ancillary services on a space available basis.

For more information, call 881-5177.

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# SOY: Hurlburt Field chapel youth deliver hope to Montana Indian reservation

**By Greg Copeland**  
*Hurlburt Field Protestant Chapel*

In June, fifteen youth and five leaders from Hurlburt's Protestant chapel youth group – nicknamed Special Operations Youth – traveled more than 1,500 miles to Ashland, Mont. a humanitarian mission trip.

They visited the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, and along with 380 campers from around the United States, they completed worked on 46 homes with repairs from wheel-chair ramps to complete roofing jobs.

Members of SOY raised more than \$7,000 to offset the cost of the trip and pumped more than \$21,000 into the Indian reservation, working 800 hours in just five days.

More than 180 residents of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation benefited from the work camp. Camps like these teach our community youth to discover new places, learn of different cultures, provide needed community service, make new friends across the country, grow in faith, and develop a sense of unity, teamwork and respect for others, said Greg Coleman, Protestant youth minister.

This is SOY's third mission trip.

SOY meets 1 p.m. – 3 p.m every Sunday at the Hurlburt chapel. All Hurlburt youth ages

12-18 are encourage to check out our group. For information, call Greg or Susan Copeland at 939-4045 or Bernie Grooms 689-2248. Or e-mail [gnscofeland@hotmail.com](mailto:gnscofeland@hotmail.com).



**A SOY drills holes into the boards they use for repairing one of the 46 homes.**



Photos by Susan Copeland

**SOY work together to re-shingle the roof on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation home.**

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## 'Any Time, Any Place' goes beyond warfront

Base, community provide for evacuated family members

By Senior Airman  
Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

After more than 20 families members arrived at his home in Commando Village prior to the landfall of Hurricane Katrina, an NCO from the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron called to his fellow Air Commandos and Hurlburt Field community.

"Once I knew everyone was coming," Tech. Sgt. Christopher Reeves said, "I knew I wouldn't be able to afford to help them on my own."

"My sister and husband just bought their first home. But, now it's gone. Everything they had all worked for is gone."

**Tech. Sgt.  
Christopher Reeves,  
16th LRS**

After contacting his first sergeant, Sergeant Reeves reached out to his church community. He introduced his family members to the church the Sunday of Hurricane Katrina's landfall and asked if there was anyone who could help them get back on their feet. Little did he know, help was waiting. The generosity poured in from all around.

The Air Force Englisted Village agreed to help two families with lodging, local churches contributed blankets, food and clothing and many base members either

donated furniture or money from their own pockets.

Sergeant Reeves' family has been given a \$1,000 check from the Noncommissioned Officers Association's disaster relief fund, a \$500 commissary check on behalf of Operation Warmheart and a \$400 check from the family support center to help with lodging costs. However, Air Commandos went beyond basic needs and looked for ways to provide emotional support for the children.

"A lieutenant in my office gave me a \$50 gift card, so the children could each buy something to call their own," Sergeant Reeves said. "I've been given many \$50-\$200 gift cards for my family. It's a great help, especially when they left everything back home."

Many of Sergeant Reeves's family members arrived with enough to last a few days, hoping to return to their homes after Katrina had passed. That was three weeks ago, and the future is looking dim that the families will be returning any time soon.

"My sister and husband just bought their first home," he said, "But, now it's gone. Everything they had all worked for is gone. My family just never thought that it could happen living in a city – it should be protected from high waters and winds."

However, Sergeant Reeves said that with help from the base and the local community, his family is being provided for daily, and the children have all been enrolled in local schools.

"There's no way I could have provided for my family on my own," Sergeant Reeves said. "People have been very generous, and I'm thankful to the base for stepping in to help."

### 2005 Air Force Climate Survey

All active-duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, appropriated and nonappropriated fund civilians are invited to take the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey Oct. 1 – Nov. 23. The survey provides actionable feedback to leaders at all levels for the purpose of improving their units. The survey is available at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>.

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## CJTF assignment credit available for majors, above – some captains

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Active-duty officers in the grades of major and above, and some captains, are eligible to receive joint-duty credit for deployments due to a recently expanded list of approved operations.

The *Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act and Title 10 United States Code Section 664* authorizes cumulative joint-duty credit only applies to officers who deployed for at least 90 continuous days to an approved combined joint task force headquarters staff.

The cumulative credit may be used in combination with a present or future joint duty assignment to allow early departure from a joint duty position.

The legislation doesn't apply to officers serving in medical, legal or religious career fields. Captains who filled a valid major or above billet, may receive the joint duty credit.

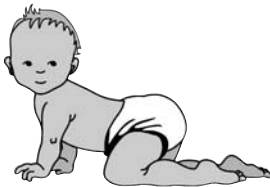
Officers can access the JTF credit Web page at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/jtf/owa/jtf\\_main.home](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/jtf/owa/jtf_main.home) for self-nomination application procedures and a list of approved operations.

The Web page also lists required supporting documentation to verify proof of service. More information is available at Air Force Personnel Center's Joint Assignment Section Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/jom/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/jom/). Officers may also call AFPC at DSN 665-3720 or commercial at (210)-565-3720.

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## Hurlburt Happenings

## Military

### Cultural course

The U.S. Special Operations School invites all Special Operators to attend the Cross Cultural Communications Course Oct. 31 – Nov. 4.

The course is designed for personnel preparing to live or deploy overseas, who work with international military personnel, and those with a professional or analytical interest in international studies.

For more information, call Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or Joyce Weber at 884-4731. Also, visit [www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou](http://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou).

## Community

### Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will be closed Monday for training. Training days for the 16th MDG have moved from the third Wednesday to the first duty Monday of the month to align with 16th Special Operations Wing training days.

### DTS system changes

No travel reservations can be made through the Defense Travel System now through Oct. 3 due to computer system changes.

However, orders will continue to be processed through DTS with air, lodging and rental car costs entered manually. During this period, tickets for DTS-generated orders for travel must be ticketed by the commercial ticket office.

When the change is complete, Organizational Defense Travel Administrators will be notified to have their organizations resume normal reservation processes. For more information, e-mail [16cpts.dts.help@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:16cpts.dts.help@hurlburt.af.mil).

### Free family concert

The child development center invites the Hurlburt Field community to attend the free Dr. Thomas Moore Family Concert 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the base theater.

Dr. Moore is nationally recognized as an early childhood consultant, keynote speaker, workshop leader and children's recording artist. For more information, call 884-6664.

### AF club membership

Air Force Clubs will be awarding more than 100 \$1,000 prizes during the "2005 Grand Giveaway" club membership drive now through Nov. 30. New members and current members alike will be entered into the drawing automatically.

Hurlburt Field's current members



Courtesy photo

### Road worthy

A 16th Services Squadron staff member assists the auto skills manager, while he performs a "wheels-on" test of the new motorcycle rack. The motorcycle rack is located at the auto hobby shop.

may compete to win free dues for one year, just by recruiting the most new members during the recruitment cycle.

With each member recruited, current members will automatically receive an entry into a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate redeemable at the information, tickets and travel office.

Newly recruited members at Hurlburt will be entered into a separate drawing for a \$250 gift certificate. For more information, call 884-6469.

### RED HORSE reunion

The 40th Annual RED HORSE Reunion will be held Oct. 16-19 at the Okaloosa Island Ramada Beach Resort. Events include business meetings, a birthday celebration, a combat dining in, military banquet and demonstrations.

For registration information, visit [www.redhorseassociation.org](http://www.redhorseassociation.org). For reunion information, call Capt. Christine Gentry at 881-3386, DSN 641-3386, or e-mail [christine.gentry@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:christine.gentry@hurlburt.af.mil); e-mail [editor@redhorseassociation.org](mailto:editor@redhorseassociation.org).

### EOSC programs

The Eglin Officers' Spouses' Club is holding a used book sale 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., today at the Eglin Air Force Base library. Proceeds from the sale benefit the library and EOSC charitable donations. For more information, contact Jan Exterkamp at 897-5083.

Also, EOSC will hold their 20th Annual Fall Craft Bazaar 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 1, at the Niceville Community Center.

### CTO changes

Effective Oct. 1, Hurlburt Field will begin to transfer its ticketing services from Bay Area Travel to Wingate Travel.

During this transition period, personnel traveling between Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 need to complete their reservation and pick up tickets no later than

Sept. 29. Stand-by personnel will be on call for emergency travel only. All reservations must be made by calling or e-mailing Bay Area Travel; after Oct. 1, make reservations through Wingate Travel by calling 884-4771.

The Defense Travel System will be active for generating orders only. No airline reservation can be made until the system interface is complete.

Also, new travel rates for fiscal year 2006 aren't available. Those traveling in October can't make reservations until the new rates become available. Normal business is expected to resume Oct. 11. For more information, call 884-6619.

### Bowling special

Hurlburt Lanes is offering "Silver Strikers Day" each Thursday in September. Bowlers, age 60 and over, are eligible for special rates 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Games and shoe rentals are 75 cents each. All specials are subject to lane availability.

For more information, call 884-6941.

### Child care updates

Hurlburt Field's family child care resource and referral coordination is now decentralized and handled by the respective facility.

For more information, including enrollment or the waiting list, call the child development center at 884-6664; family child care office at 581-1207 or youth center's school age program at 884-6355.

### Hispanic heritage calendar

The Hispanic Heritage Month committee is holding a luncheon today at 11:30 a.m. at the Soundside club. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers.

Another luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 30 at the Reef Dining Facility and Youth Cultural Day at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the youth center. For more information, call Capt. AJ Lugo at 884-2703.

## At the movies



Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 6 years old and up. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Hurlburt Field – 884-7648

Friday, Sunday – Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Bo and Luke Duke, who with the help of their eye-catching cousin

Daisy and moonshine running Uncle Jesse, try and save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg. Their efforts constantly find the "Duke Boys" eluding authorities in "The General Lee," their famed 1969 orange Dodge Charger that keeps them one step ahead of the dimwitted antics of the small southern town's Sheriff Coltrane.



Saturday – Great Raid (R) Set in the Philippines in 1945, "The Great Raid" tells the true story of the 6th Ranger Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Mucci who undertake a daring rescue mission against all odds. Traveling thirty miles behind enemy lines, the 6th Ranger Battalion aims to liberate over 500 American prisoners-of-war from the notorious Cabanatuan Japanese POW camp in the most audacious rescue ever.

### Eglin – 882-1066

Friday, Sunday – Four Brothers (R) After their adoptive mother is murdered during a grocery store hold-up, the Mercer brothers – hotheaded Bobby, hard-edged Angel, family man and businessman Jeremiah, and hard rocking Jack – reunite to take the matter of her death into their own hands. As they track down the killer, they quickly realize that their old ways of doing business have new consequences.

2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday – Valiant (G) A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant, overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Home Guard Service during World War II. The RHPS advanced the Allied cause by flying vital messages about enemy movements across the English Channel, whilst evading brutal attacks by the enemy's Falcon Brigade.

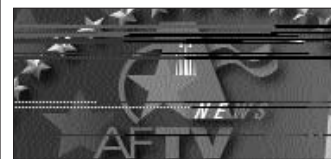
(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

## Base chapel



Catholic Mass  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.  
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.  
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
Religious Education: September – May

Protestant Services  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)  
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)  
Religious Education: August – May  
Youth and Singles groups available  
Jewish Services (882-2111)  
Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center  
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center  
Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.  
For more information, call 884-7795.



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### Airman Against Drunk Driving

For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844.



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## 24-hour Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline:

Hurlburt Field – 884-6322  
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Department of Defense – (800) 424-9098



## Storage closure

The munitions storage area will be closed until Sept. 23 for semi-annual inventory. During this time frame, only emergency requests submitted in writing approved by the 16th Maintenance Group commander or equivalent will be processed. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the munitions accountability section at 884-2005/2748.

## Base self help

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron self help store will be closed all day Sept. 30 for Annual inventory. The base self help store still has a limited supply of plants. For more information please call 884-7130.

# Classes

## Embry-Riddle university

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers a business management degree. The Bachelor of Science in Technical Management degree allows for military members in any career field to transfer

in credit for their military experience. ERAU also offers an accelerated format of five, nine-week terms, and courses can be completed online or in-residence. ERAU is located in the base education center, Building 90220.

## Okaloosa-Walton College

Enrollment is open now through Oct. 20 for fall term three fast-track classes offered by Okaloosa-Walton College at Hurlburt Field, Eglin Air Force Base and other college sites. A course list is available on the college Web site at [www.owc.edu](http://www.owc.edu). Most classes begin the week of Oct. 13; a series of weekend courses is also offered. Individuals may enroll in-person at any OWC site. For more information, call OWC Hurlburt at 884-6296 or OWC Eglin at 678-1717.

## University of West Florida

In order to continue its efforts to improve the delivery of services to its students, the University of West Florida will maintain and staff an office at the Hurlburt Field Education Services Center,

Building 90220. The office will be open 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Wednesdays. Students can make an appointment to see an advisor by calling 884-2723 or 863-6569. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Free aid to Katrina students

Many colleges and universities are offering assistance, ranging from the waiving of application fees to free tuition and textbooks, for students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Students still have an opportunity to enroll in late fall term or weekend classes.

They should contact the school in which they were enrolled prior to the hurricane to ensure administrative steps are followed prior to transferring or enrolling in a new college or university.

They should then contact the institution in which they are interested in enrolling. It's imperative that displaced students contact their original school because the interruption of classes may affect their financial aid status. For more information, call the Florida Displaced Student hot line at (877) 352-2731 or the education services office at 884-6724.

## OPSEC: Make it appear as if you're home

When you are getting ready to go on a trip have you ever:

- Stopped the delivery of the newspaper, so that they wouldn't pile up outside and send a signal that you're not home?
- Asked your neighbor to pick up your mail, so the mailbox wouldn't fill up, also indicating that you're away?
- Connected your porch

lights and inside lights to a timer, so they would go on at preset times to make it look like someone is home?

- Connected a radio to a timer, so that it comes on at various times to make it sound like that someone is inside?

You practiced OPSEC buy eliminating indicators associated with your trip.

## Week in History

*The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:*

Sept. 18, 1947 – The U.S. Army transferred air activities to the newly created Department of the Air Force.

Sept. 19, 1911 – One of the first aerial photography experiments was made from an airplane.

Sept. 20, 1950 – The Air Force announced remote controlled airplane tests would be made from the ground by using TV.

Sept. 21, 1964 – The XB-70 experimental aircraft made its first flight.



**USS Alabama**

Sept. 22, 1950 – The first non-stop jet flight across the Atlantic Ocean was made.

Sept. 23, 1921 – Day and night bombardment tests result in the sinking of the battleship Alabama.

Sept. 24, 1919 – An altitude record of 30,900 feet was set for an airplane carrying a passenger.

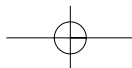
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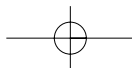
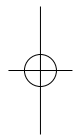
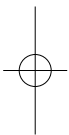


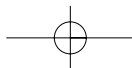
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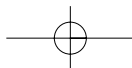
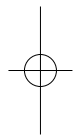
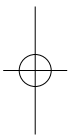


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# TRUCK



The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Gulfport and Stennis Space Center, Miss., recently to construct Air Rapid Response Kits. With a total of six ARRKs, the Airmen are providing housing for more than 600 Hurricane Katrina victims.



Courtesy photos

# Situation Normal; All Fixed Up

By Airmen 1st Class James Dickens  
Public Affairs

After Hurricane Katrina pounded the Gulf Coast, the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron responded to Mississippi to do their part.

"It looked like we were in a Third World country," said Senior Airmen Jonathan Johnson, 16th CES.

The 16th CES sent 25 Airmen to Mississippi to help with relief efforts. Eight went to Keesler Air Force Base to do damage assessment two days after the hurricane. The rest split up between Gulfport and Stennis Space Center, Miss., setting up Air Rapid Response Kits.

"One ARRK provides quarters for 100 people," said Capt. Conor Grace, 16th CES. "The teams took five to Gulfport and one to Stennis."

An ARRK consists of five billeting tents, one shower tent and a command and control tent. Although the five in Gulfport were only supposed to have quarters for 500, they housed 650 people by turning the showers and command and control tents into living quarters.

"A lot of the National Guard members there were working after they had lost everything they had," said Airmen Johnson. "It made you feel real selfish if you were griping about something like the heat."

This mission was different than any they had been on before.

"It was a different experience," said Tech. Sgt. Scott Adams. "We were helping our own people out."

A 16th CES housing management specialist is currently deployed to Keesler to aid in relocating all of the displaced families due to the extensive Hurricane Katrina damage.

16th CES Airmen preform damage assessment at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., housing area.



A 16th CES Airman works with other Airmen to pull the cover over the frame of a tent.